

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Pepper et al.**
Application No.: **10/696,694**
Filed: **10/29/2003**
Docket No. **GB920030054US1**
Examiner: **Lee, Wilson**
Art Unit: **2163**
Conf No: **5259**
Title: **Method and System for Archiving and Retrieving a Markup Language Document**

Commissioner For Patents
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Restriction Election

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 22, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-11, with traverse.

Applicants submit that the Examiner's ground for restriction does not justify searching the two Groups separately. Specifically, Applicants submit that the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-11) and Group II (claims 12-16) is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of the Group I invention would encompass a search for the subject matter of the Group II invention and vice versa.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that a search for both Groups could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 in which it is stated: "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner 10/908,620

must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examining by the Office.

Reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement and rejoinder of claims 12-16 are respectfully requested in view of the above remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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